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Source: Media

Summary: An anti-vaccination protest took place on 9 December 2021 outside the British Columbia (BC) legislature. During the protest, senior provincial cabinet members, including the Premier, were hanged in effigy. s.38

Separately, on 15 December 2021, German authorities raided five properties after threats were made online by members of an online group called "Dresden offline network." The group threatened local government members, including the Saxony state premier. Authorities believed that these ideologically motivated violent extremism (IMVE) adherents, who oppose vaccinations and the current public health measures in Germany, were preparing to carry out violent acts. Some group members had posted messages urging people to use armed force to oppose policy measures. s.38

ITAC Assessment: Mock hangings demonstrate the continued discontent with and distrust of senior government officials, including at the provincial level, by adherents of COVID-19 and anti-vaccination conspiracy theories. Anti-government and anti-authority rhetoric has increased across the West, including in Canada, since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. ITAC judges that this rhetoric will continue to increase as the pandemic continues. Although mock hangings invoke violent imagery, they are rarely expressions of credible threats. However, the raids in Germany show that some individuals do have the intent and likely a lone actor could be incited to conduct an unsophisticated attack in Canada against a public official with little warning. s.38

Ongoing domestic threat landscape

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In early December 2021, a man was arrested in Laval, Quebec, for allegedly making a threat against his daughter's school after the school began to vaccinate students. The man was a follower of Romana Didulo, who posted a message online in late November 2021 ordering her followers to kill anyone attempting to inject someone younger than 19 with a COVID-19 vaccine. Other, less direct threats of violence related to COVID-19 vaccinations and restrictions include a noose and gallows being left outside the house of an Alberta Minister of Legislative Assembly's home after a protest in late October 2021. s.38

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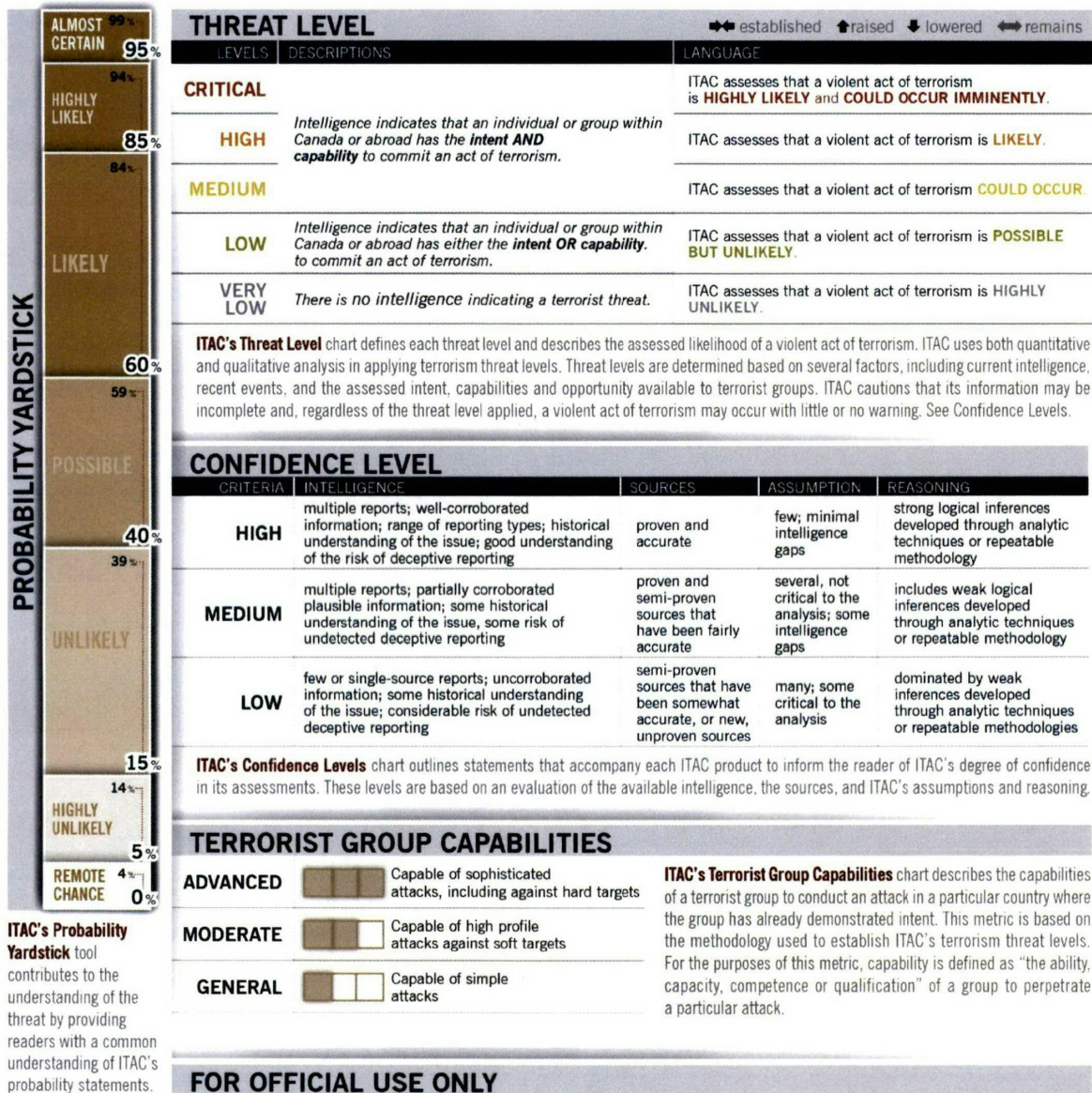
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